

House Resolution 1561

By: Representatives Mangham of the 94th and Watson of the 91st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the City of Lithonia and inviting
2 Honorable Darold Peter Honore', Jr., Mayor of Lithonia, to appear before the House of
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, this year, the City of Lithonia will be celebrating its sesquicentennial
5 anniversary, marking 150 years of rich heritage; and

6 WHEREAS, before being granted a charter by the General Assembly of Georgia on March
7 5, 1856, Lithonia began as a small community formed at the intersection of two roads in the
8 eastern part of DeKalb County, known as Cross Roads; in 1845, the Georgia Railroad
9 completed a rail project that traversed Cross Roads, furthering the area's growth into a town;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, tradition has it that a local private school teacher gave the community the name
12 of Lithonia by combining the Greek words *Lithos* (rock) and *Onia* (place), in recognition of
13 the three nearby granite mountains and abundance of flat rock; and

14 WHEREAS, over the years, Lithonia has grown from a tiny town of about 250 in 1861 to
15 becoming a major suburb of metropolitan Atlanta; and

16 WHEREAS, throughout its history, the City of Lithonia has had a unique personality all its
17 own, and Georgia has been very blessed to have this vibrant community in its midst for 150
18 years.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body join in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of
21 the City of Lithonia and express their very best wishes for many more years of prosperity for
22 this treasure of DeKalb County.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Honorable Darold Peter Honore', Jr., Mayor of Lithonia,
2 is invited to appear before the House of Representatives for purposes of being recognized by
3 the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution at a date and time to be fixed
4 by the Speaker of the House.